

The Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, met this day in regular session with the following members present:

Commissioners: Cirino, Young and Hamercheck

Commissioner Cirino presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO REOPEN THE ECONOMY OF LAKE COUNTY EFFECTIVE ON MAY 15, 2020

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of County Commissioners, and that all the deliberations of this Board of County Commissioners and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal actions, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2020, the Governor of Ohio issued Executive Order 2020-01D and declared a State of Emergency in Ohio in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the Ohio Department of Health issued a Director's Order to close restaurants with the limitation of food and beverages, liquor, beer, and wine to carry-out and delivery only; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, a Director's Order was amended to limit and/or prohibit mass gatherings and the closures of venues in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, a Director's Order was issued closing numerous businesses, including but not limited to all hair salons, nail salons, barber shops, massage therapy locations, and entertainment/recreation/gymnasium facilities; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, a Director's Order was issued that all persons in the State of Ohio are to stay at home unless engaged in essential work or industry; and

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2020, a Director's Order was issued that Reopens Businesses, with Exceptions, and Continues a 'Stay Healthy and Safe at Home Order'; and

WHEREAS, in the aforementioned Director's Order of April 30, 2020, various restrictions were allowed to remain in effect upon restaurants and bars and numerous businesses under the category of personal appearance/beauty businesses; and

WHEREAS, numerous business owners in Lake County have taken proactive measures and have developed and instituted safety protocols that are in compliance with all of the Director's Orders as these Lake County businesses want to keep their customers and employees safe; and

WHEREAS, the various policies have negatively impacted and severely restricted numerous Lake County businesses whether or not deemed as "essential" including, but not limited to, manufacturing industry, and even funeral homes and/or related services; and

WHEREAS, the continued restrictions result in continued hardship, financial peril, and unfortunately, in many instances, irreparable harm for Lake County businesses; and

WHEREAS, the economy of Lake County suffers from continued restrictions on Lake County businesses set forth above; and

WHEREAS, a multitude of Lake County businesses provide products to the aerospace industry and, as a result of federal restrictions, are experiencing significant revenue reductions which further exacerbate the economic hardship on Lake County's economy ; and

WHEREAS, each member of the Board of Commissioners, has received communications from numerous Lake County business owners, workers, and patrons requesting intercession by the Board of Commissioners with the State of Ohio to help save the businesses of Lake County and the Lake County economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners, in and for Lake County, Ohio, hereby requests that the Governor reopen the economy of Lake County effective on May 15, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the businesses of Lake County are capable of with the support of the Lake County General Health District in developing and instituting safety protocols consistent with established health and safety recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the patrons and consumers of Lake County businesses are in the best position to make their own personal choices of which Lake County businesses to frequent and what is in their best interest from an established health care perspective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is time to reopen the Lake County economy with appropriate safety protocols.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Assistant Clerk of the Board is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Office of the Governor, State of Ohio.

Commissioner Hamercheck seconded the resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

"AYES": Commissioners: Cirino, Young and Hamercheck


"NAYS": None

Resolution adopted,
Kathleen Russo, Assistant Clerk

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

I, Kathleen Russo, duly appointed Assistant Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by said Board on May 7, 2020, and recorded in the Commissioners' Journal, Volume 2020

WITNESS my hand this seventh day of May, 2020, in Painesville, Ohio.


Kathleen Russo, Assistant Clerk
Board of Commissioners, in and
for Lake County, Ohio